

THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO. 13013 of 2007

DATE: 09-07-2007

Between :

Smt. S.Vijayamma

... Petitioner

And

The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Rajampet, Kadapa District.

... Respondents

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ORDER:

Petitioner is the authorized dealer of the fair price of Nallapareddipalli village, Penagaluru Mandal, Kadapa District. Her authorisation was suspended pending enquiry by order dated 18-12-2006 on the ground of the alleged irregularities in distribution of essential commodities to the cardholders. Against the said order, though the petitioner preferred an appeal, the same was disposed of by the Joint collector, Kadapa, by order dated 19-02-2007 with a direction to the Revenue Divisional Officer to dispose of the case within six weeks. Pursuant thereto, a show cause notice dated 01-03-2007 was issued framing four charges against the petitioner and calling upon to submit her explanation. The petitioner has submitted her explanation on 16-03-2007 denying all the allegations. However, the enquiry has not yet been completed by the respondent so far. Aggrieved by the said inaction on the part of the respondent, this writ petition is filed.

As could be seen from the material on record, show cause notice was issued long back on 01-03-2007 and the petitioner has also submitted her explanation.

As held by a Division Bench of this Court in **The Joint Collector, Kurnool v. A. Neelima**^[1] the reasonable period for completing the enquiry initiated against a fair price shop dealer is 90 days.

In the case on hand, since admittedly the said 90 days expired long back and there was already a direction by the Appellate Authority on 19-02-2007 to complete the enquiry within six weeks, the writ

petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent to complete the enquiry following due process of law and pass appropriate orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, failing which the authorisation of the petitioner shall stand restored. No costs.

G. ROHINI, J.

Date: 09-07-2007
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[\[1\]](#) ^[1] 1996(1) APLJ 285.